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CARDFIGHT!!

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今より少し未来の話
――世界のカードゲーム人口は
数億人を超え、生活の一部として
あたり前のものになっていた。
その中でも世界的なブームを
巻き起こしているカードゲーム、
それが「ヴァンガード」だ!
先導アイチはヴァンガードカードの中でも
最も貴重とされている
「プラスター・ブレード」を切り札として
運命のライバル櫂トシキとの
カードファイトに挑む!!

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I ALWAYS USED TO GET SO NERVOUS AND ANXIOUS ABOUT THE IDEA OF HAVING AN OPPONENT, SO I'VE NEVER PLAYED A CARD GAME BEFORE. BUT NOW THAT I'VE DONE COMICS ABOUT THEM, I'M ABLE TO IMAGINE MYSELF ACTUALLY PLAYING ONE. SUCH IMAGES CAN BE REALIZED!

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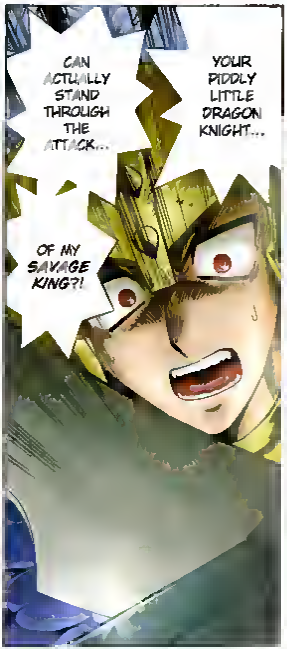
KLANG

GRIND
GRIND
KEH HEH. WHAT A SHAME.


YOUR PIDDLY LITTLE DRAGON KNIGHT...
CAN ACTUALLY STAND THROUGH THE ATTACK...
OF MY SAVAGE KING?!

VSHH

DRAGONIC OVERLORD, ARISE!!
THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
NO WAY...!!
THOOM
THOOM
RIDE THE VANGUARD!!
COME FORTH!! THE DRAGON OF THE KAGERO CLAN!
TO THE NEXT GRADE!!
I'M GOING TO RIDE...
THAT WAS A DECENT ATTACK, BUT I'M AFRAID YOU HAVE NO HOPE OF WINNING!
WHAT?!

SLAAASH
ドッ
オオオ
WAA AAGH!!

I WIN!!
HOW'S THAT?!
BAM

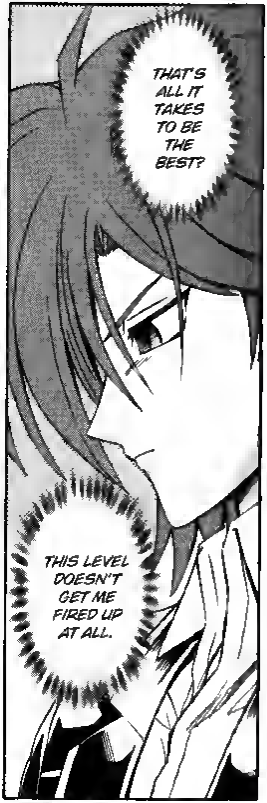
STAND

I CAN'T BELIEVE MY SAVAGE KING LOST...
DAMMIT...

V!
V!
SA-RAH
UWAHA HAHA! HE DID IT! V!
THAT'S V FOR "VICTORY"!

HEY, SHOP GIRL! AREN'T THERE ANY PLAYERS AROUND THIS CARD SHOP THAT ARE STRONGER THAN THIS GUY?
Hmm?
NO, THERE AREN'T.

HAVE YOU BEEN KEEPING UP A WINNING STREAK SINCE YOU MOVED HERE?
YOU NEVER CHANGE, KAI! CRAZY-STRONG AS ALWAYS!
YEAH, I GUESS...
NICE!



*SIGN: CARD CAPITAL

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VANGUARD OF DESTINY
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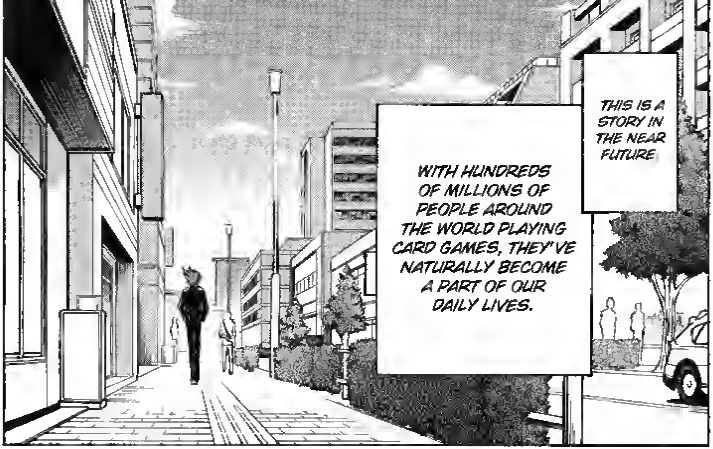

THIS IS A STORY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
WITH HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD PLAYING CARD GAMES, THEY'VE NATURALLY BECOME A PART OF OUR DAILY LIVES.

*CARD: UESUGI'S FORCES, 12,000

NOW, NOW, IN THIS ONE, UESUGI HAS FORCES NUMBERING 12,000! HE ANNOUNCES A BATTLE FORMATION CALLED "WHEEL WINDING!"
SNEAK UP TO SHINGEN'S MAIN FORCE UNDER THE COVER OF FOG!
NEXT, TAKEDA'S FORCES NUMBER 8,000! HE ANNOUNCES A BATTLE FORMATION CALLED "THE CRANE'S WING" AND FIGHTS BACK!
BUT THEY'RE OUTNUMBERED! TAKEDA'S FORCES ARE IN TROUBLE!!
OH! WHY...

*TEXT ON CHALKBOARD: BATTLE OF KAWANAKAJIMA
HIS CLASSES ARE ALWAYS SO OVER THE TOP...
BUT UESUGI'S FORCES COME FROM BEHIND AND...
HE'S NOT JAPANESE, BUT HE'S SUCH A MANIAC ABOUT THE SENGOKU PERIOD WHAT A WEIRDO!

AND SO, IN THIS SENGOKU PERIOD OF SHREWD TACTICS—
LET'S SEE—
YOU! HOW WOULD YOU SURVIVE?
POINT!

AICHI SENDOU!!
日本史III
日本史III
*BOOK: JAPANESE HISTORY III
BLUSH
U-UH...
UM...
I...
GULP
AH...!
YES!
KLACK
WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO LEAVE YOUR MARK ON THE SENGOKU PERIOD?

IMAGINE IT! FORM AN IMAGE IN YOUR MIND!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, MR. SENDOU?
Hey! Come on!
I HAVEN'T HEARD YOUR VOICE IN LIKE, FOREVER!
YOU CAN'T GET ANY QUIETER THAN THIS GUY!
C'MON, YOU CAN DO IT!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, AICHI?
.. MAKE SURE I ALWAYS HAD AN ESCAPE ROUTE..
JUST IN CASE...
I-I WOULD..
THIS GUY'S NUMBER ONE WHEN IT COMES TO WIMPS!
WHAT A DOPE, AS USUAL!
HA HA
MAN, WHAT A COWARD!
わはははは
WA HA HA HA HA

BUT YOU MIGHT WANT TO TRY IMAGINING YOURSELF IN A BIGGER ROLE.
MR. SENDOU, THAT MIGHT BE A GOOD WAY TO SURVIVE IN THE SENGOKU PERIOD...
I- I'M... I'M SORRY...
C'MON! MAN UP AND TAKE CHARGE!
HE'S SUCH A SMALL-FRY!

THERE'S NO WAY THAT I COULD APPEAR ALONGSIDE ALL THESE AMAZING WARRIORS...
BUT...
BUT...
Military Commander Chris for Class Up

MAN, I SCREWED UP BIG TIME ..
NOW THEN,
TAKEDA'S FORCES HAVE NOW

OH I KNOW I BET ME...
COULD EVEN BE IN THE SENGOKU PERIOD...

FLAP

SHINK
BLASTER BLADE!!
THE VANGUARD WARRIOR,

I AM BLASTER BLADE!
I HAVE COME FROM THE UNITED SANCTUARY!

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

ARE YOU SOME KIND OF DAMNED MONSTER?!
YOU!!

PREPARE YOURSELF, FIEND!!
DASH

RIP

TEE HEE...
Just Kidding

THERE'S NO CARD IN THIS PACK STRONG ENOUGH TO BEAT THAT GUY...
OR DO I JUST REALLY SUCK THAT BADLY...?
FLIP

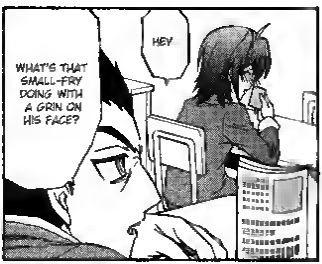
...NO GOOD...

"GOOD TO KNOW!"
"OKAY, THAT MAKES KAI HERE THE BEST PLAYER IN THIS STORE!"
DAMN IT...

I'VE GOT TO GET A CARD POWERFUL ENOUGH TO BEAT HIM SOMEHOW...!
HN?
I WON'T...
TO LOSE AGAINST SOMEONE WHO JUST MOVED HERE...
DAMN!
DAMN!!
I ALWAYS USED TO BE THE BEST AROUND HERE!
DAMN IT! I WON'T LET IT STAND!

A VANGUARD CARD?
AND NOT JUST ANY CARD

WAIT, THAT'S...!


HEY
WHAT'S THAT SMALL-FRY DOING WITH A GRIN ON HIS FACE?

BLASTER BLADE?!
THAT'S A LEGENDARY, POWERFUL, RARE CARD!!
Blaster Blade
!
M-MORI-KAWA...?
WHAT IS IT?
JOLT
HEEK..!
SLAM

AICHI SENDOU... I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU WERE A VANGUARD FIGHTER!
I'M A... VANGUARD-WHAT?
I-I'VE NEVER...
I'VE NEVER EVEN PLAYED A CARDFIGHT...
DON'T PLAY DUMB ANYONE WHO PLAYS WITH VANGUARD CARDS IS A VANGUARD FIGHTER.
YOU'RE ONE TOO RIGHT?
O-OH, NO...
I'M NOT REALLY A CARDFIGHTER OR ANYTHING...
HMPH
YOU REALLY AREN'T ANYTHING MORE THAN A SMALL-FRY...

FINE, WHATEVER. THEN JUST SHOW ME THE CARD YOU HAVE HIDDEN IN YOUR CHEST POCKET!
……!!
KEH HEH HEH
IT'S THE REAL DEAL!
IT'S REALLY BLASTER BLADE!!

HOLD ON, MORIKAWA...
DON'T TAKE IT FROM ME!
LET'S GO, YOU GUYS!
I CAN TOTALLY BEAT THAT GUY!
WITH THIS IN MY DECK...
LEMME SEE IT, TOO!
I GOT THAT CARD FROM SOMEONE SPECIAL! IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO ME!
WHACK
SHUT THE HELL UP!!
GWAAGH!
...

I FEEL SORRY FOR THIS CARD NEVER GETTING TO FIGHT.
SO I'LL TAKE IT OFF YOUR HANDS!

YOU'RE NOT A CARDFIGHTER, RIGHT?

STOMP
WHAM
CRASH
BOOM

MY CARD
GIVE ME BACK

A SMALL-FRY LIKE YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING OTHER THAN RUN AWAY AND FALL FLAT ON YOUR FACE!

HEY, MIWA!
WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY BUY ALL THOSE CARDS?
カードキャピタル
CARD CAPITAL
WELL, AFTER YOU MOVED BACK HERE I THOUGHT I'D PICK UP VANGUARD AGAIN, JUST LIKE OLD TIMES!
OOH! I PULLED A GOOD CARD!
HEY, KAI!
YO!
WHAT'D YOU SAY?!
I'M WAY BETTER THAN I WAS BACK THEN! I'LL SHOW YOU!!
WHAM
IT WON'T DO ME ANY GOOD IF YOU'RE MY OPPONENT, THOUGH...
HMPH

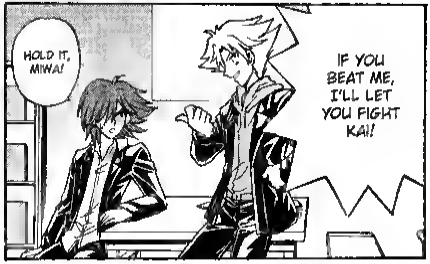
YOU AND ME, RIGHT NOW!!
SURE, LET'S FIGH--
HM?
DON'T TALK BIG AFTER BEATING ME JUST ONCE!
YOU'RE THAT GUY FROM BEFORE
I DON'T WANT TO!
WHAT ?!
LET'S FIGHT AGAIN TO SEE ONCE AND FOR ALL WHO THE BEST IS IN THIS SHOP!

YOU SUCK AT VANGUARD.
YOUR FIGHTING TECHNIQUES ARE SIMPLISTIC AND YOUR STRATEGY HAS NO DEPTH
!!
YOU RELY TOO MUCH ON THE CARDS' POWER ALONE
...
YOU WON'T GET ANYTHING, HUH?
I WON'T GET ANYTHING OUT OF FIGHTING YOU.
SO I WON'T.
THAT'S HARSH, BRO!
THEN HOW ABOUT...
IF YOU WIN...
I'LL GIVE YOU THIS CARD!
Rhapsody Diablo

NOW YOU CAN'T SAY THAT YOU WON'T GET ANYTHING OUT OF FIGHTING ME!
WHOA !!

THAT'S BLASTER BLADE!!
OOH!

WHERE DID HE..
BLASTER BLADE...?


HOLD IT, MIWA!
IF YOU BEAT ME, I'LL LET YOU FIGHT KAI!

I'LL TAKE YOU ON!
OKAY OKAY OKAAAAY!

LET'S CARD-FIGHT!!
...OKAY!

STAGGER
ヨロ!
MY CARD..
ハッ
MY
ハッ
ハッ
NOW, YOU'LL TAKE SOME DAMAGE!
ERGH..
IF THIS ATTACK GETS THROUGH, I'LL WIN!
OKAY!
I'M GONNA ATTACK WITH THIS CARD!!
ピッ
SLIDE

SO I GUESS I'LL BE TAKING THIS BLASTER BLADE!

HELLS YEAH!!!
I LOST...
I WON!

AH!
LET ME SEE IT
LOOK! I DID IT, KA--

TMP

DAMN IT ALL !!

THAT'S MINE! MINE!
BLASTER BLADE...

WHO'S THE KID?

G...
GIVE ME BACK MY CARD...!!

AICHI...

PLEASE, IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT CARD TO ME...
MORI-KAWA.
DON'T LOOK AT ME...!!

TH-
THAT'S IT!
THAT'S MY
CARD!
P-PLEASE...
GIVE IT
BACK...!

...AH.
IS THIS
YOUR
CARD?

TO US
VANGUARD
FIGHTERS, THE
RESULTS OF
A VANGUARD
FIGHT MEANS
EVERYTHING!
IT'S
ABSOLUTE
!

WHAT?

HA! WHY
SHOULD I?

AND
LOST!
HE PUT THIS
CARD ON
THE LINE,
IT DOESN'T
MATTER HOW
HE GOT IT

WHAT'S LOST IN A VANGUARD FIGHT CAN ONLY BE WON BACK IN A VANGUARD FIGHT!
...
I'VE NEVER PLAYED BEFORE
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU'VE NEVER HAD A CARDFIGHT BEFORE!!
THAT ASIDE, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A DECK!
...T-THEN WOULD YOU FIGHT ME?

NO WAY!!
I'VE ALWAYS... WANTED TO HAVE A CARDFIGHT, SO I MADE A DECK...
AWWW
WHAT THE HELL, KAI!
THAT'S MY CARD!
THEN LET ME BORROW IT
H-HOLD IT!
ALRIGHT, I'M GAME!
TAKE YOUR SEAT!
R-RIGHT!
THIS IS GONNA BE THIS KID'S FIRST VANGUARD FIGHT!
ARE YOU SAYING YOU WON'T FIGHT ME...
BUT YOU'LL FIGHT SOME ROOKIE INSTEAD?!!

DID YOU PUT SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO YOU ON THE LINE WHEN YOU FOUGHT ME?

YOU DON'T HAVE ANY RESOLVE!
BUT HE'S DETERMINED TO TRY AND GET HIS CARD BACK!

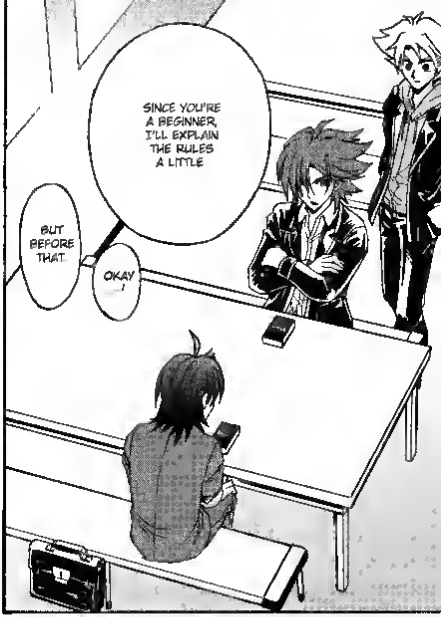
I DON'T THINK SO.
YOU GAMBLED WITH A CARD THAT YOU JUST HAPPENED TO HAVE
WHICH MEANS YOU LOST WITHOUT REALLY LOSING ANYTHING

NOW, LET'S BEGIN
TAKE A SEAT

NGH
H-MORI-KAWA!
DASH!

I DON'T WANT TO BOTHER FIGHTING SOMEONE WITH WEAK RESOLVE!
GET IT? NOW SHUT UP!

YOUR DECK WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT THIS BLASTER BLADE, YES?
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.


SINCE YOU'RE A BEGINNER, I'LL EXPLAIN THE RULES A LITTLE
BUT BEFORE THAT...
OKAY!

FINE YOU CAN BORROW IT
THAT SHOULD BE A DECENT HANDICAP FOR ME

T-
THANK YOU!

BLASTER BLADE

Vanguard
OKAY! LET'S GET STARTED!

PICTURE IT IN YOUR MIND.
THE TWO OF US...
ARE SPIRITS WHO HAVE JUST APPEARED ON A PLANET VERY SIMILAR TO EARTH, CALLED "CRAY"
THERE ARE TWO ABILITIES GIVEN TO OUR WEAK SPIRITS

THERE IS A CONTRACT IN PLACE BETWEEN US THE ONES WE CAN CALL

THESE ARE CARDS PUT TOGETHER IN OUR DECKS!

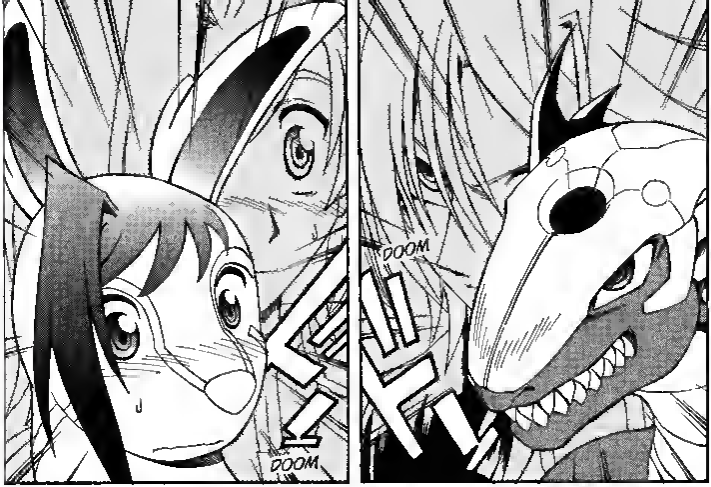
THE FIRST: "CALL"!
THE ABILITY TO BRING OUT THE INHABITANTS, THE MONSTERS, WHO LIVE ON THIS PLANET!

KNOWN AS "RIDE"!!
THE SECOND:
THE ABILITY TO BRING OUT YOUR OWN SPIRITUAL BODY BY POSESSING A MONSTER!
WE BECOME THE "VANGUARD"!
WHEN WE RIDE, WE BECOME THE LEADERS...
A GRADE 0...
OUR SPIRITS CAN ONLY RIDE AS GRADE 0 UNITS TO BEGIN WITH
AND PLACE IT ON THE TABLE!
SWIP
FIRST OFF, TAKE A FACE-DOWN GRADE 0 UNIT,

WHEN YOU REVEAL THAT FACE-DOWN CARD, IT'LL BE COME A REPRESENTATION OF YOURSELF!
WE'LL BECOME THE VANGUARDS WHO WILL FIGHT ALONGSIDE THE CONTRACTED ONES!

Y-YES!!
OKAY! WE'RE GOING TO REVEAL OUR FIRST VANGUARDS! THE GAME STARTS NOW! ARE YOU READY?
HERE WE GO!!
NOW, SHUFFLE YOUR DECK AND DRAW FIVE CARDS.
THE FIVE CARDS IN YOUR HAND THAT YOU CAN CALL UPON ARE ALL IN FIGHTING CONDITION.
UNITS LIVING ON THE PLANET GRAY HAVE THEIR OWN LIVES

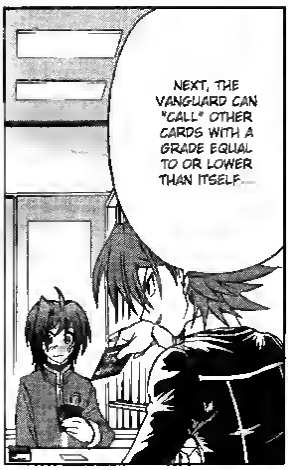
BAM
STAND UP, VANGUARD!!
BAM
I-I RIDE... GRAEME ...!
Graeme
6000
I RIDE LIZARD RUNNER, LINDELIX!
Lizard Runner Lindelix
6000


DOOM
DOOM

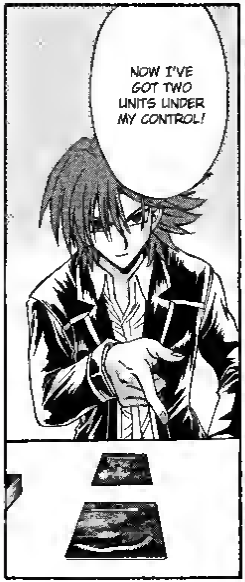
I'LL GO FIRST,
AND DRAW ONE CARD!

WOOOO
WE ARE NOW STANDING ON THE PLANET CRAY'S SURFACE AS VANGUARDS!

ONCE PER YOUR OWN TURN, YOU CAN RIDE YOUR VANGUARD TO A HIGHER GRADE...
THIS IS THE RIDE PHASE!
FLASH
RIDE THE VANGUARD!!
I'M GOING TO UPGRADE TO THIS CARD!
BY STACK-ING IT ON TOP!
DOOM
BANG
Embodiment of Armor, Kabr
8000


NEXT, THE VANGUARD CAN "CALL" OTHER CARDS WITH A GRADE EQUAL TO OR LOWER THAN ITSELF.

THE GRADE 1 CARD, EMBODIMENT OF ARMOR, BAHR!
...!


NOW I'VE GOT TWO UNITS UNDER MY CONTROL!

THE GRADE 1, FLAME OF HOPE, AERMO!
CALL THE REAR-GUARD!!
THIS IS CALLED A "REAR-GUARD"!
BOOM

I ATTACK...
!!
GULP

EXCEPT THAT THE PLAYER WHO GOES FIRST CAN'T ON THEIR FIRST TURN
I'LL HAVE TO END MY TURN HERE
PHEW
NOW, IT'S YOUR TURN

OKAY! I DRAW ONE CARD FROM MY DECK

SO THEN, I'LL...

...UPGRADE MY VANGUARD DURING THE RIDE PHASE!
SAM

LITTLE SAGE, MARRON!!
SAM
RIDE THE VANGUARD!!
WHOOSH
Little Sage, Marron
8000
MIRU-BIRU!!
CALL THE REAR-GUARD!!
Miruliru
A-AND NEXT

NOW WE BOTH EACH HAVE OUR VANGUARD AND ONE REAR-GUARD OUT ON THE FIELD.
ODDLY ENOUGH IT'LL BE A BATTLE BETWEEN EQUAL POWERS
BUT THE VANGUARD NEEDS ANOTHER UNIT TO ATTACK WITH. OTHERWISE IT CAN'T LAND A HIT.
IF YOU DO ATTACK, YOU'LL HAVE A HUGE ADVANTAGE...
ARE YOU GOING TO ATTACK?
.....
I-I...
I ATTACK!!
OKAY, GOOD!
DECLARE YOUR ATTACK BY RESTING YOUR CARDS!

AND ATTACK WITH MY VANGUARD, MARRON!
SWIP
MARRON'S GREAT MAGICAL DICTIONARY !!
W-WITH MY REAR-GUARD MIRUBIRU
I BOOST MY VANGUARD!
WISH
GAAH!
KABOOOM
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I'M HIT...
MARRON'S ATTACK HIT BAHR!
GHHH...

SINCE MY VANGUARD'S JUST BEEN HIT BY AN ATTACK, IT MEANS THAT ONE CARD
HAS JUST NULLED ITS CONTRACT, AND IS TAKEN AWAY FROM THE VANGUARD!
FWIP

AND,
WHEN SIX UNITS CANCEL THEIR CONTRACTS WITH THE VANGUARD...

IT SENSES THAT IT'S IN DANGER, AND FLEES

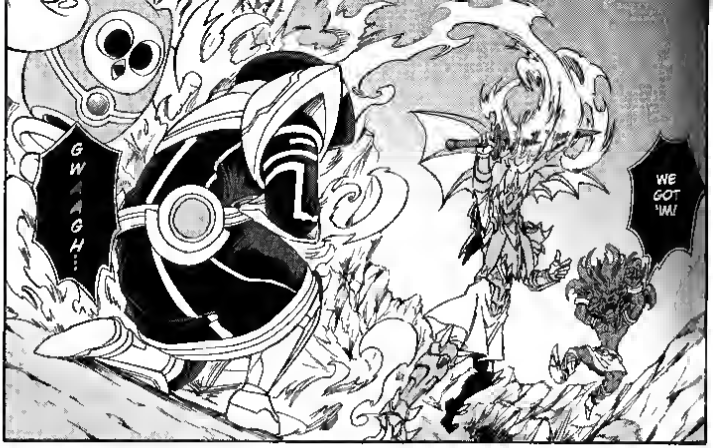
IN OTHER WORDS THE PLAYER LOSES...
ALL OF THE CARDS' CONTRACTS ARE CANCELLED OUT...
AND WE RETURN TO SPIRITS AND DISSOLVE.

THAT'S THE END OF THE LESSON! HERE WE GO!!
DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?
O-OKAY !!

GULP

DRAGON ARMORED KNIGHT!!
MY TURN.
STAND
(TURN THE CARDS VERTICALLY)
AND DRAW!
(ADD ONE CARD TO YOUR HAND)
RIDE THE VAN-GUARD !!
SPAPP
Dragon Armored Knight
10000

I ATTACK!!
SA-
SWIP
SWIP
AERMO BOOSTS ARMORED DRAGON KNIGHT!
AND NOW,
I SHALL ENDOW YOUR SWORD WITH THE FLAME OF HOPE!
ALLOW ME!
FWOOOM
GIVE ME A HAND, AERMO!
FIRE'S DESIRE!!
KABLAAASH
TAKE THIS!
DRAGON ARMORED KNIGHT + AERMO
16000 POWER


GWAGH...
WE GOT 'M!

KEH HEH HEH, ONE OF YOUR UNITS RAN AWAY...
IT'S A LITTLE SAD, ISN'T IT?

MY ATTACK JUST HIT YOUR VANGUARD!
RIGHT, SO THAT MEANS ONE CARD GOES TO THE DAMAGE ZONE...

THEY ASSEMBLE THEMSELVES FOR YOUR SAKE. YOU'RE THEIR PRECIOUS LEADER.
COME ON! NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!
RIGHT!

DRAGON ARMORED KNIGHT ..ITS POWER WAS 16000 WHEN IT WAS BOOSTED BY AERMO, BUT
RIGHT NOW IT'S ONLY AT 10000..

MY TURN.
STAND AND DRAW

..ALL RIGHT!

I'M COUNTING ON YOU GUYS! LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH!!
NO PROBLEM!
BAM!
YES, SIR!

I'M GOING... TO CALL TWO REAR-GUARDS!
THE GRADE 0 FLOGAL, AND..
THE GRADE 1, KNIGHT SQUIRE, ALEN!

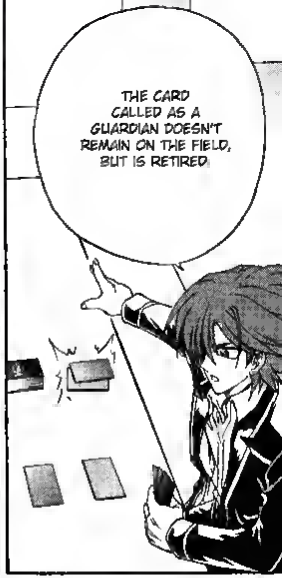
I USE EVERYONE TO ATTACK!
LET'S GO, GUYS!
YEAH!
COME! WYVERN KNIGHT, GUARD GRYPHON!
FUFILL YOUR DUTY AS A GUARDIAN AND PROTECT ME!!
CHAK
CHAK
CHAK
HEH

BAM
SHIELD WING, EXPAND!!
!!
KA-KLANG
FSSHH
NICE SAVE, GUARD GRYPHON.
YES, MY VANGUARD

I CALLED GUARD GRYPHON AS A GUARDIAN!
THE ATTACK DIDN'T GO THROUGH?!
BUT WHY ...?
DURING BATTLE, WE CAN INSTANTLY CALL UPON CARDS IN OUR HANDS WITH A SHIELDING ABILITY-- THESE ARE KNOWN AS "GUARDIANS"!
GUARD-IANS...?
THAT'S CRUEL, KAI! NOT TELLING HIM SOMETHING THAT IMPORTANT UNTIL NOW!
IT'S GOOD TO HAVE HIM SEE IT NOW WHEN IT'S USED FOR REAL! HE'LL REMEMBER IT BETTER THIS WAY
BUT I STILL HAVE TO TAKE ONE OF YOUR ATTACKS, RIGHT?
YES, THAT'S RIGHT!

YEAH!
BEST OF LUCK, MY VANGUARD.

SHADO!


THE CARD CALLED AS A GUARDIAN DOESN'T REMAIN ON THE FIELD, BUT IS RETIRED

EH HEH HEH...

?

NOW, IT'S MY TURN
I STAND AND DRAW...

HUH? HOW DO YOU KNOW KAI'S NAME?
I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF HAVING A CARDFIGHT LIKE THIS WITH YOU, KAI...
THIS IS REALLY FUN, KAI.
I REMEMBER HOW BEATEN UP AND HURT YOU WERE
I REMEMBER YOU, AICHI.

I WAS CHOCKING IN MY OWN SMALL LITTLE WORLD...
THAT'S RIGHT... BACK THEN I ALWAYS WENT TO SCHOOL, GETTING BEATEN UP AND SUFFERING...

YOU WERE ALWAYS CARDFIGHTING, AND HAVING FUN...
BUT THAT'S WHEN I SAW YOU, KAI.

DON'T SAY STUPID CRAP LIKE THAT...
DO YOU *REALLY* THINK THIS FIGHT WITH ME IS FUN?
HMPH!

RIDE !!
FLAAASH
WE'LL SEE IF YOU STILL THINK THIS IS FUN ONCE YOU SEE THIS!
W-
WHO!...
CASHING
HERE IT COMES! THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR OF THE DRAGON EMPIRE'S STRAFING KAGERO CLAN!!

W-WOW...
I HAVE THE POWER TO BRING FORTH THE APOCALYPTIC GUSTS—
REMEMBER IT WELL!
Dragonic Overlord
10000
DRAGONIC OVERLORD, THE VANGUARD!!!

ABILITY BLAST!!!
DRAGONIC OVERLORD!!
SHHHH
I'M RETIRING...
SMASH
Gwaaah!
ALEN!!
AH...!

C-
CALL THE GUARDIAN!!
A SERIES OF ATTACKS?!
SWASHH

ARE YOU OKAY, MY VANGUARD?
YES, I AM! THANK YOU!
YOU CAN REST NOW!
THE GUARDIAN, GIRU!!
WOOOSH
HE RETIRES
OH, MAYBE ALL THAT PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IS STARTING TO KICK IN!
KEH HEH HEH... ALL YOU ARE IS TRASH BEFORE MY GREAT STRENGTH!

I WASN'T ANYTHING MORE THAN TRASH, KAI...
YOU'RE RIGHT...

I'LL GIVE THIS TO YOU.
HERE
WHAT'S WITH YOU? YOU LOOK AWFUL.
YOU LOSE A FIGHT OR SOMETHING?

MY OWN WORLD HAS OPENED UP!
DRAW
EVER SINCE I'VE HAD THAT CARD...

IMAGINE YOURSELF AS BIG AND STRONG AS THE WARRIOR ON THAT CARD!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
LISTEN UP! YOU GOTTA IMAGINE IT!
AH...
THAT'S A SUPER-STRONG WARRIOR!
I-I... CAN'T...
WELL, I GUESS NOT AFTER THE FIRST TRY!
ANYTHING YOU CAN IMAGINE CAN BECOME YOUR STRENGTH!!
BUT, IF YOU CAN IMAGINE IT...
THEN YOU MIGHT JUST GET STRONGER BECAUSE OF IT!

RIDE!!
HERE I GO, KAI!
WOOO
STAND UP, MY AVATAR!!
BANG
THE BLADE OF LIGHT OF THE ROYAL PALADINS!!
DOOOM

BLASTER BLADE

THE VANGUARD!!!

AAAGH!
SLASH!
DADUM
OW OH OH! I'M RETIRING...

BLASTER BLADE...

I THOUGHT THAT YOU'D BE THE SAME WHEN YOU CAME BACK...
SO WHEN I HEARD THAT YOU HAD MOVED AWAY...

EVER SINCE YOU GAVE ME THIS BLASTER BLADE...
I'VE WANTED TO HAVE A CARDFIGHT WITH YOU, I EVEN OBSESSED OVER MAKING A DECK.

BUT AFTER I MADE MY DECK, I FORGOT ABOUT ALL OF THE BAD AND HURTFUL THINGS AROUND ME...

I STILL CAN'T IMAGINE MYSELF TO BE STRONG...
BUT THE PERSON WHO GAVE ME THE POWER TO IMAGINE MYSELF STRONGER...
WAS YOU, KAI!
LET'S GO, YOU GUYS!
LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH!
AND THAT'S WHY FIGHTING YOU...
MAKES ME SO HAPPY!!

GH...
BURST BUSTER!!
BLASTER BLADE!
RMM
RMM
RMM
RMM
RMM

I GAVE YOU THE POWER TO IMAGINE?
YOU'RE TAKING ME TOTALLY THE WRONG WAY.
HMFH
I JUST WANTED TO GET YOU HOOKED ON THIS CARD GAME
THAT WAY, I COULD COLLECT RARE CARDS FROM YOU LATER!
WHOA, THAT'S HARSH, KAI!
THAT'S A LIE...!
YOU WOULDN'T—
SHUT UP!!
WHAM

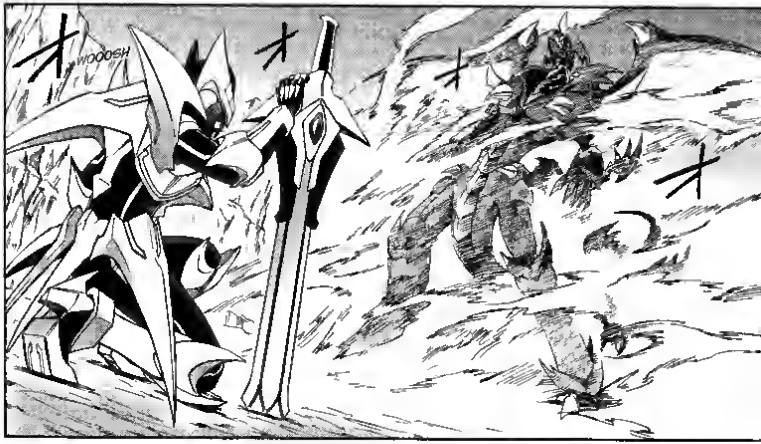
B-BUT I'VE FELT IT DURING THIS FIGHT...
DON'T GO DECIDING WHO I AM ON YOUR OWN!
SHUT UP...
I'M NOT THE PERSON YOU THINK I AM...

WHAT'S WITH HIM...?
THAT YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED FROM THE PERSON BACK THEN WHO ENJOYED CARDFIGHTS, KAI!

KAI!
HERE I COME!
BRING IT, AICHI!!

SLAMSH

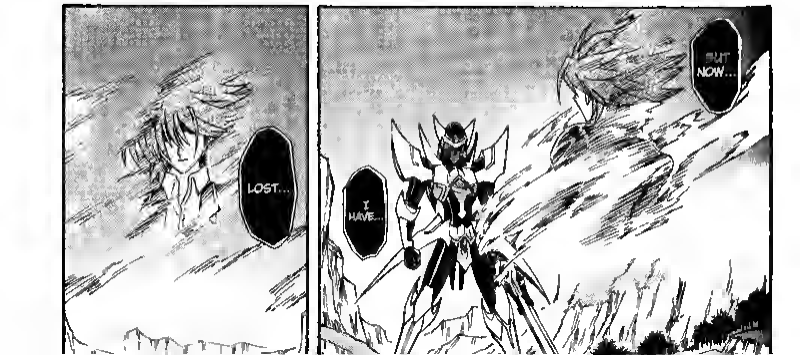
SLASH


WOOOSH

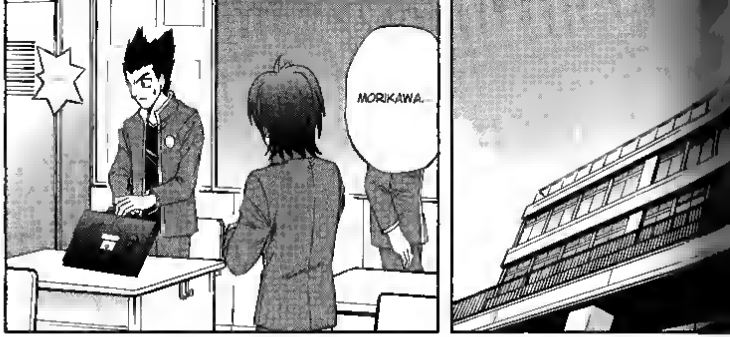
THAT HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM MY DECK...
THAT MAKES SIX UNITS

KAI...
AND I HAVE RETURNED TO A MERE SPIRIT.
THE KAGERO CLAN THAT I LEAD HAS BEEN DEFEATED...

SINCE I'VE HAD A FIGHT LIKE THIS...
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...


LOST...
I HAVE...
BUT NOW...

KAI!
KAI
KLICK
LOOKS LIKE THAT CARD...
WAS YOURS AFTER ALL!
THANK YOU, KAI...


MORIKAWA...

!!
THAT I HAD YESTERDAY...
I WON THAT CARDFIGHT

N-NEXT TIME...!
NEXT TIME WE'LL CARD-FIGHT...!!

MORIKAWA... COULD YOU TEACH ME MORE ABOUT VANGUARD?

DASH!

ARE YOU WAITING FOR SOMEONE AGAIN TODAY?
YEAH...
BUT SINCE I WON, I'M NOT SURE IF HE'LL BE BACK..
WEEN
OH, I DOUBT THAT
HUH?
.....

AH...!
HEY, AICHI!
WHAT'S UP?
TMP

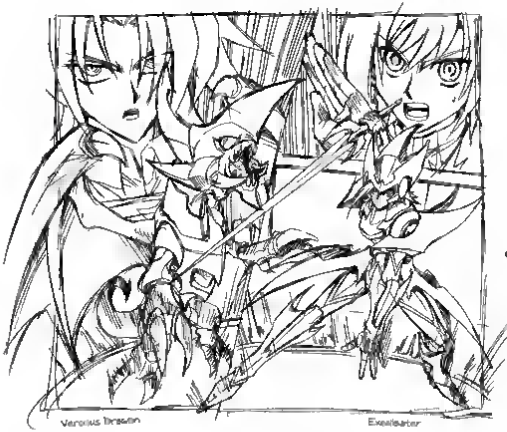
THE CARD GAME "VANGUARD".
ONE OF THOSE CARDS LET ME MEET WITH "HIM" ONCE MORE.

#001 END

The open release of the author of *Cardfight!! Vanguard* Akira Ito-sensei's initial sketches!

Ito-sensei's handwrittten notes have also been included.

You can find subtle changes in the character designs!



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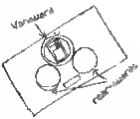

○ Originally the game was called just "Vanguard", and you'd have to Enchant your card's Monsters.

"Stand Up Vanguard!"

○ ヴァンガードのライフポイントは 30
あとに攻撃する守護者はカードの
後ろから与えられる。

○ Cards have a "Grade" (A level) The highest being Grade 5, the lowest being 1.

○ ヴァンガードにエンカウントさせたカード
下位グレードのモンスターを
ヴァンガードが保護する
「リアガード」として
場に呼び出すことができる。

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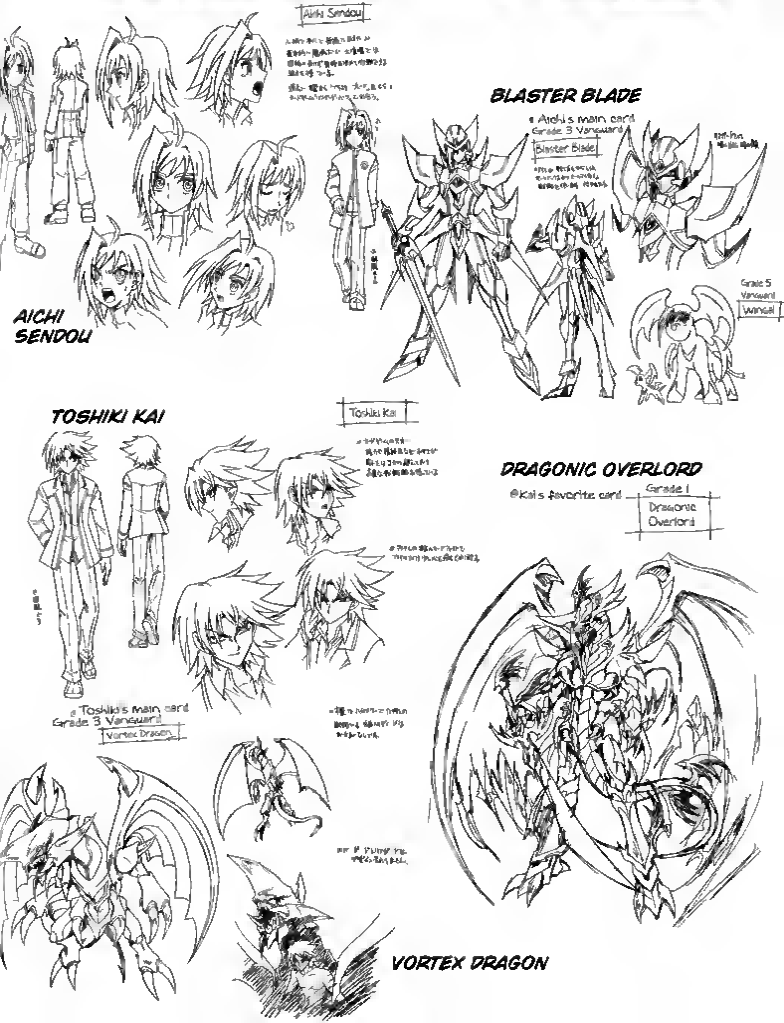

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